

CENTENARY GOLF . . . IT'S A GAME FOR GENTLEMEN!

HAL SUTTON

Junior, 6-1, 190
Shreveport, La.



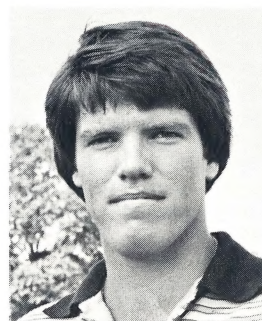
One of America's best amateur and collegiate players . . . winner of the Dixie Amateur in Miami a year ago when he made up 14 strokes in the final two rounds . . . runnerup in last summer's North-South Amateur at Pinehurst . . . also second in the Riceplanters at Charleston, S.C. . . . has won eight college tournaments in 2½ seasons, finished second four times and third once . . . in the fall, won the Morton Braswell Classic (in Shreveport) by eight shots—he was 11 under par with 69-64-69 . . . won the Bill Bass Intercollegiate by five shots . . .

second in the Harvey Pennick, two shots behind, after starting with a 77 and finishing with a 66 . . . averaged 70.3 strokes in 15 fall rounds and was even or below par in 11 of those . . . won the Braswell by nine shots in the fall of '77 . . . has played throughout the country, including the U.S. Amateur . . . "He's a physically strong player," says Horgen. "He's one of the longest drivers in the game and hits it straight in relation to his distance. He has the maturity on the course of a 30-year-old touring pro. He's a very positive thinker. Hal is an excellent putter on any type green. The weakest part of his game is around the green, he needs to improve his chipping and pitching. But he tends to come up with good shots in this area when they're needed most" . . . won a bundle of prep and junior honors while at Norhtwood High, including a state junior title . . . chose to stay in his hometown and attend Centenary over many scholarship offers . . . "He's among the best college players in the country today and getting better every day," says Horgen . . . a Business major . . . born April 28, 1958.

MARK NORMAN

Sophomore, 6-3, 200
Minneapolis, Minn.

Transferred to Centenary from McLellan (Tex.) JC . . . helped his team finish second in the last year's national junior college tournament . . . Junior "Player of the Year" in Minnesota in 1976 . . . also an outstanding high school basketball player . . . easily the biggest surprise of the fall season for the Gents . . . in the opening All-College Tournament, he tied for second with an even par 68-70-72 . . . averaged 73.5 strokes in 12 fall rounds with three even or below par rounds . . . "He's a long hitter," says Horgen, "who made the most improvement of any of our players in the fall. He has a super attitude, is an outstanding putter and better than average around the green. I expect him to continue to improve" . . . a Business major . . . born Nov. 21, 1957.



PETER "BO" JOHNSON

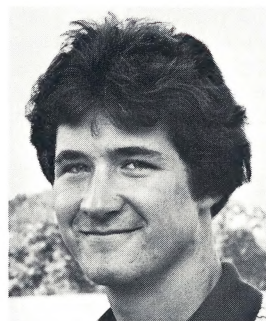
Junior, 5-10, 155
Muscatine, Iowa



A transfer from St. Petersburg (Fla.) Community College . . . runnerup in the Florida state junior college tournament last spring . . . had the fourth lowest per round average (74.4) among Florida juco players . . . inconsistent for the Gents in the fall, averaging 75.0 shots in 12 rounds . . . he had a 69 followed by an 81 in the All-College . . . fifth in the Morton Braswell, boosted by a final round 68 . . . opened the Bill Bass with an 84, then blazed a 67 the next day and finished 11th in the tournament . . . "He was considered by many the best junior college player in Florida last year," says Horgen. "He's an excellent all-around athlete. He has the ability to shoot low numbers. His golf swing improved in the fall, but still needs to be more consistent. Erratic putting cost him many shots during the fall. He has made tremendous improvement over the last two years and is just starting to live up to his potential" . . . a Business major . . . born April 21, 1958.

GUY KENNEN

Sophomore, 6-1, 180
Clearwater, Fla.



A junior college All-American who helped Brevard (Fla.) JC win the national title, then moved to Centenary with Coach Floyd Horgen . . . finished third in the national juco tournament . . . All-State in Florida, averaged 74.4 shots a round . . . won the Brevard Invitational individual title . . . eighth in the Pinehurst Intercollegiate in which Brevard competed against major college schools . . . had a disappointing fall season at Centenary, averaging 75.7 strokes in 12 rounds . . . even or below par three times with a best of 70 twice . . . best finish seventh in Morton Braswell Classic . . . "He has great potential," says Horgen. "He has the ability to hit outstanding golf shots. He played well last spring. A long driver, but he has a tendency to let the driver get away from him at times. He's an outstanding putter, especially when the rest of his game is in the groove. He's in a learning stage with his swing, but at times swings it as well as anyone. He also has some short game problems and needs to improve in this area. But he can be quite a golfer" . . . a Health and P.E. major . . . born March 1, 1959.

ABOUT CENTENARY GOLF . . .

When the Gentlemen play golf, they'll play it against the nation's best college teams . . . somewhere on the schedule.

The spring lineup includes such prestigious events as the Pinehurst (N.C.) Invitational, the Western Intercollegiate in San Jose, Calif., and the Southern Intercollegiate in Athens, Ga.

The opener is a trip to Florida and there are three tournaments in Texas, crucial because the Gents will face most of the schools in its District, NCAA VI, which includes the Southwest Conference powers.

At the end of the rainbow, hopefully, is the NCAA Tournament. There is also the first annual Trans America Conference Tournament, Centenary's new league. The Gents will host the event at East Ridge Country Club in Shreveport.

ERCC and the Shreveport Country Club are private courses available to the Gent golfers. "No one has two better private courses to play on," says Coach Floyd Horgen. "Both require every shot in your bag and both have a wide variety of different challenges and excellent greens."

"In most years, golf can be played in Shreveport 365 days a year," he adds.

Centenary also has playing privileges at two other private courses and Shreveport's two public courses.

. . . CENTENARY COLLEGE . . .

Centenary is the oldest liberal arts college west of the Mississippi River and was established in 1825. Affiliated with the United Methodist Church, it stresses quality education. A key to that is the excellent student of faculty ratio of 12-1, thereby offering the student personal individual attention. And there is a wide variety of social and cultural opportunities for the students.

In athletics, Centenary boasts a basketball team that annually plays a Division I schedule including some of the nation's best teams—and, with current pro Robert Parish at center, the Gents were ranked in the Top Twenty from 1974-76.

In women's gymnastics, Centenary won the national championship last year. The team features international star Kathy Johnson.

The athletic teams are backed financially a great deal by the Gents Club, which includes business and civic leaders of the area and Centenary fans everywhere. Athletic department offices are located in the beautiful Gold Dome.

. . . AND SHREVEPORT-BOSSIER

Shreveport-Bossier City has a metropolitan population of 348,000 and is the center of the Ark-La-Tex region. It is located in Northwest Louisiana, just 20 miles east of the Texas state line.

The city hosts the Holiday-in-Dixie Festival each April, the Red River Revel in September and the Louisiana State Fair each October. Shreveport's 50,000-seat State Fair Stadium, formerly home of the Shreveport Steamer in the World Football League, is now the site for major college football, including the annual Independence Bowl. The city also has professional baseball (the Class AA Captains).

Bossier City, located just across the Red River, is known for Barksdale Air Force Base and Louisiana Downs, one of the nation's finest thoroughbred racing plants.

CENTENARY SCHEDULE SPRING GOLF, 1979

SUNTREE INTERCOLLEGIATE

Suntree Country Club—Melbourne, Fla.
Jan. 22-23 (Mon.-Tues.)—54 holes

LAMAR INVITATIONAL

Pinewood Country Club—Beaumont, Texas
Feb. 19-20 (Mon.-Tues.)—54 holes

BORDER OLYMPICS

Casa Blanca Country Club—Laredo, Texas
March 2-3 (Fri.-Sat.)—54 holes

PINEHURST INVITATIONAL

Pinehurst No. 2—Pinehurst, N.C.
March 13-15 (Tues.-Thu.)—54 holes

MORRIS WILLIAMS INVITATIONAL

Morris Williams Golf Course—Austin, Texas
March 23-25 (Fri.-Sun.)—54 holes

LOUISIANA INTERCOLLEGIATE

LSU University Course—Baton Rouge, La.
March 30-April 1 (Fri.-Sun.)—54 holes

WESTERN INTERCOLLEGIATE

Pasa Tiempo Golf Course—Santa Cruz, Calif.
April 9-11 (Mon.-Wed.)—54 holes

SOUTHERN INTERCOLLEGIATE

Athens Country Club—Athens, Georgia
April 26-28 (Thu.-Sat.)—54 holes

TRANS AMERICA CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS

East Ridge Country Club—Shreveport, La.
May 7-8 (Mon.-Tues.)—54 holes

NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS

Bermuda Run Country Club—Winston-Salem, N.C.
May 23-26 (Wed.-Sat.)—72 holes

CENTENARY COLLEGE FACTS

LOCATION: Shreveport, La. 71104

FOUNDED: 1825

PRESIDENT: Dr. Donald A. Webb

DEAN: Dr. Dorothy B. Gwin

NICKNAME: Gentlemen

COLORS: Cardinal and White

CONFERENCE: Trans America (NCAA, Division I)

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR-GOLF COACH: Floyd Horgen

ATHLETIC PHONE: (318) 869-5275

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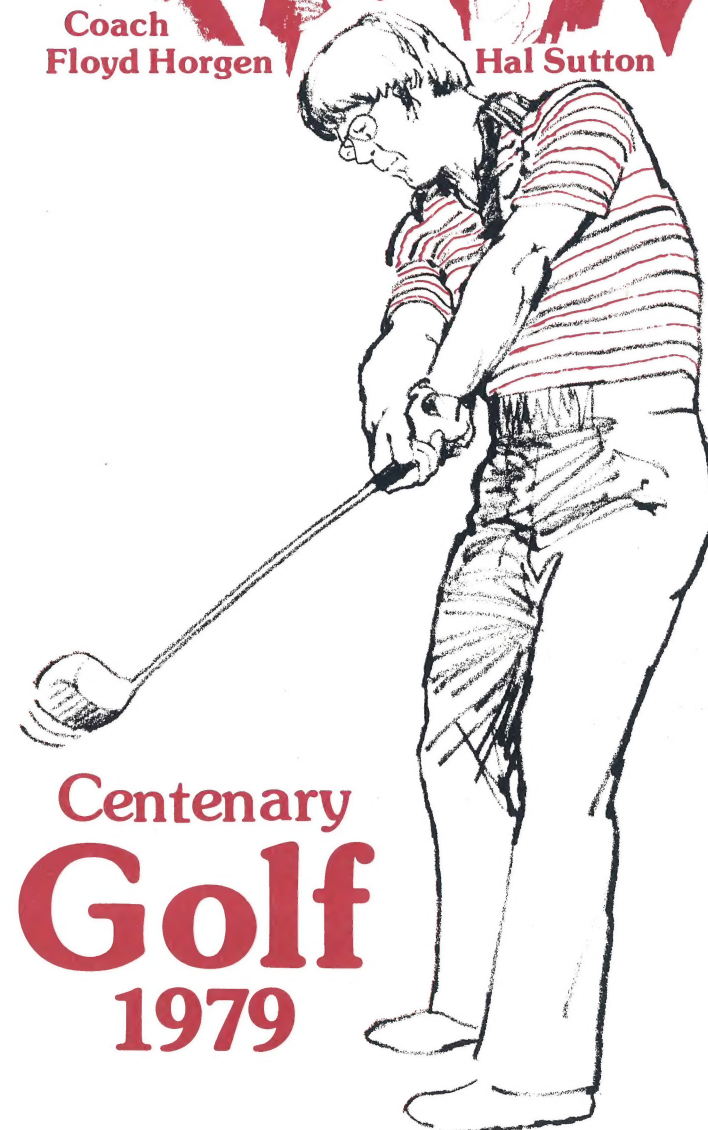


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Coach
Floyd Horgen

Hal Sutton



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CENTENARY GOLF TEAM members pose with Morton Braswell (front, center) after winning the title of the Braswell Fall Classic by 25 shots last fall. They are (front row, from left) Hal Sutton, Braswell, Coach Floyd Horgen and (back row) Peter Winkler, Jimmy Strickland, Mark Norman, Bo Johnson and Guy Kennen. (Ken Aclin Photo)

THE OUTLOOK: Gents Moving to the Top

Centenary hopes to establish itself among the elite of the nation's collegiate golf teams.

Judging from a successful fall season, that realization is not far off. And the goal of a national championship is not out of the question.

There are no seniors on this team, which may be why Coach Floyd Horgen says, "Realistically, we may be a year away." But in five fall tournaments, there were one championship and two second places . . . and success against some of those elite teams.

In the season-opening All-College Tournament, Centenary was on top of the 18-team field going into the third (and final) round. But the defending national champion, Oklahoma State, pulled past the Gentlemen for the title.

Centenary swamped perennial power Houston and 10 other teams with a 25-stroke margin in its own Morton Braswell Classic. And the Gents were second, one stroke behind New Mexico State, in the Bill Bass Intercollegiate.

"We think we can play with anybody; we've proven it a time or two," says Horgen. "But we need to know we can play with anybody every time."

Centenary's upswing in golf can be traced to **HAL SUTTON's** decision to stay in his hometown to attend college.

No doubt one of America's top amateur golfers—he

was second in last year's North-South—Sutton was even or under par in 11 of 15 fall rounds and won two individual tournament titles.

He and another Louisiana product, sophomore **JIMMY STRICKLAND**, are the only players returning off a Centenary team that won five of 11 tournaments last year and twice beat Houston.

But Horgen upgraded the schedule this year and, he feels, upgraded the Gents' talent, primarily with five junior college recruits.

Two of them, sophomores **PETER WINKLER** and **GUY KENNEN**, came with Horgen from Brevard (Fla.) JC's national championship team.

Also Florida juco products are juniors **BO JOHNSON** (St. Petersburg JC) and **WADE BOTTS** (Seminole JC). Sophomore **MARK NORMAN** came in from McLellan (Tex.) JC and the only freshman recruit was **DANNY TRAHAN** of New Orleans.

Norman was the most pleasant fall surprise; Strickland and Winkler were fairly consistent; and Johnson and Kennen—both with talent highly regarded by Horgen—were very hot and very cold.

"We broke down at the Nos. 4-5 positions," says Horgen of the fall season. "Eliminate those breakdowns and we'd have won four of the five tournaments. I really don't expect those breakdowns in the spring. A lot of it was due to the new environment for everybody, which tends to affect your confidence."

He looks ahead with confidence. "I've never been around a bunch of young men who had a stronger desire to be excellent," he says. "As a group, they are very talented in different areas of the game, which creates a situation where they can catch good characteristics from each other."

"Also as a group, we have good athletes, who could be college material in other sports. They're hard nosed, probably the one most important thing in golf. And they can all putt."

The Gents will play one of the nation's best schedules, going coast-to-coast.

Says Horgen: "I can see where things can fall into place."

FLOYD HORGEN Athletic Director-Golf Coach



"I am the eternal optimist," says Floyd Horgen.

Which may explain the great success of Horgen-coached teams in golf and basketball for over a decade. And why he expects the same from his golf program—and athletics, in general—at Centenary College.

When he came to Centenary in June, 1978, it was just after his Brevard (Fla.) Junior College team had won its third straight juco national championship . . . and fourth in the last eight years.

There was also one second place finish nationally and five state titles in the tough Florida juco circuit.

For Centenary, Horgen recruited five junior college players in hopes of building an immediate national powerhouse.

But he is much more than a recruiter and golf promoter. He is a recognized teaching golf professional and almost every afternoon he will be at the course or driving range working with the Gent players.

"We'll work at it every day," he promises. "That's the only way to be successful."

He has shown the "come early, stay late" dedication, too, as Centenary's athletic director, shaping the department policies and directing the fund-raising program so vital to a private institution like Centenary.

At Brevard, located in Cocoa, Fla., Horgen coached 20 juco All-Americans in eight years and placed 26 of his players at four-year universities with golf scholarships in the last five years.

The Minnesota native has a strong basketball background, too. He was the Brevard assistant coach for six years and the teams had an outstanding 147-24 record in that time.

And before that, he was the head basketball coach at McArthur High in Hollywood, Fla., for four years (1963-67) with his teams compiling an 80-27 record.

He was the Broward County "Coach of the Year" in basketball and for all sports in 1967.

In a short time at Centenary, he has displayed that he has the contacts and the fortitude to greatly upgrade the golf program in many ways—most notably the schedule and the playing opportunities. As they say, the winning is only beginning.

PERSONAL INFORMATION: Ht. 6-3. Wt. 215. Born Sept. 5, 1936, at Warren, Minn. Grew up and attended high school in Crookston, Minn. Bachelor's degree in education from University of Miami (Fla.), 1959. A pitcher in baseball at Miami. Masters' degree in education from Ohio University, 1963. Married to former Paula Stringfellow. Four children—Donna, 16, David, 13, Joanna, 6, and Linda Eve, 4 months.

1978 FALL RESULTS

ALL-COLLEGE TOURNAMENT, Oklahoma City, Sept. 19-21

1. Oklahoma State 851. 2. CENTENARY 857. 3. Texas 861. 4. Oral Roberts 863. 5. Wichita State 865. 6. New Mexico and Nebraska (tie) 866. 8. TCU 871. 9. Texas Tech 873. 10. Oklahoma 878 . . . 18 teams entered.

JIM CORBETT INVITATIONAL, Baton Rouge, Oct. 4-6

1. Oral Roberts 842. 2. Arizona State 846. 3. Oklahoma State 852. 4. Florida 860. 5. LSU 863. 6. Houston 864. 7. Maryland and Texas (tie) 867. 9. North Carolina 871. 10. Clemson and Texas A&M (tie) 873. 12. CENTENARY 874. 13. Alabama 875. 14. Auburn 885. 15. Memphis State 903.

MORTON BRASWELL FALL CLASSIC, Shreveport Country Club, Oct. 16-17

1. CENTENARY 1075. 2. Houston 1100. 3. Texas A&M 1107. 4. Texas 1120. 5. North Texas State 1129. 6. LSU 1134. 7. TCU 1141. 8. Lamar 1153. 9. SMU 1156. 10. Oklahoma City 1167. 11. Arkansas 1172. 12. Mississippi 1202.

BILL BASS INTERCOLLEGIATE, Brownsville, Tex., Oct. 26-28

1. New Mexico State 886. CENTENARY 887. 3. Sam Houston State 892. 4. Houston Baptist 897. 5. Texas A&M 900. 6. Pan American 910. 7. Texas Tech 921 . . . 14 entered.

HARVEY PENNICK INTERCOLLEGIATE, Austin, Tex., Nov. 6-8

1. Texas A&M 1112. 2. Oral Roberts 1115. 3. Texas 1123. 4. CENTENARY 1124. 5. Houston 1126. 6. Rice 1143. 7. SMU 1147. 8. TCU 1154. 9. Oklahoma 1155. 10. Lamar 1156. 11. North Texas State 1160. 12. Arkansas 1161 . . . 20 entered.

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JIMMY STRICKLAND Sophomore, 5-9, 170 Ringgold, La.



The Gents' third best player last year when he averaged 75.2 strokes a round . . . second then in the Holiday in Dixie Tournament and fifth in the Louisiana Intercollegiate . . . started well in the fall, finishing 10th in the Jim Corbett and seventh in the Morton Braswell, but then faded in the last two tournaments . . . averaged 74.5 shots for 15 fall rounds, below or even par four times . . . low round of 69 in the All-College . . . from Lafayette, La., but his parents moved to North Louisiana last year . . . runnerup in the 1975 state junior tournament and seventh the next summer . . . second in the state junior PGA tournament in '76 and played in the National Insurance tournament in '76 . . . fifth two straight years in Louisiana's Class AAAA state prep tournaments . . . "He's a good putter and a long hitter for his size," says Horgen. "He has the ingredients to be an outstanding college player if he works hard enough." . . . a Business major . . . born Oct. 19, 1958.

DANNY TRAHAN Freshman, 6-2, 185 New Orleans, La.



A baseball and golf standout at O. Perry Walker High . . . two older brothers were college golf All-Americans—Murphy at then LSU-New Orleans and Sam at Brevard (Fla.) JC (under present Centenary coach Floyd Horgen) and the University of Florida . . . Danny's tournament wins include New Orleans city junior events in 1975 and 1976, and the New Orleans Insurance Classic in 1976 . . . he was fourth in the state junior tournament in '76 and played on a high school team that was second in the state in '77 . . . an all-district pitcher with a 6-0 record and 0.37 ERA last year . . . "He's probably the best athlete on the team," says Horgen. "He has very good hands. His golf swing is in the development stage. If he has the patience, he will develop into a great college player. Even now at times he hits excellent shots" . . . a Business major . . . born Nov. 20, 1959.

WADE BOTTS Junior, 5-11, 145 Sanford, Fla.



Transfer from Seminole (Fla.) Community College . . . fifth in the Florida state junior college tournament as a freshman . . . MVP for Seminole and won the Coaches' Award as a freshman . . . won the Valencia (Fla.) CC tournament as a freshman and was second in it as a sophomore . . . won the amateur division of the Zellwood Open last March . . . his game wasn't as sharp in his sophomore year at Seminole . . . played in one tournament in the fall for Centenary, shooting 74-78-70 at the Jim Corbett . . . "He was an outstanding player as a freshman," says Horgen, "and his game is showing signs of returning to previous form. He has the ability to bring it back when he gets over par. He's capable of helping us" . . . an excellent student, majoring in Business . . . born March 8, 1958.

PETER WINKLER Sophomore, 5-8, 155 Atlanta, Ga.



A second team All-American for Brevard (Fla.) JC . . . finished eighth in the national junior college tournament and helped Brevard win the team title . . . moved to Centenary with Coach Floyd Horgen and teammate Guy Kennen . . . a former Georgia state junior champion . . . All-State in Florida last year when he averaged 74.2 shots a round . . . averaged 73.9 in 15 fall rounds for the Gents with four even or below par rounds . . . low round of 70 at Jim Corbett Invitational . . . fourth in the Morton Braswell . . . "He's a great putter," says Horgen, "with the ability to score well when he's not striking the ball as well as he can. He's a super scrambler. His golf swing has improved considerably over the past year and will continue to improve. He's an excellent competitor, the best sand player on our team. To move up from a good to excellent player, he needs to hit more greens and give himself more birdie opportunities" . . . a Business major . . . born July 12, 1959.